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SUBJECT: ROMANIA ON KOSOVO RECOGNITION: NO CHANGE TO POLICY

REF: A. STATE 11928

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[¶](#)1. (SBU) POLOFF raised ref a points on February 12, urging Romania to recognize Kosovo with Irina Zidaru, the new MFA Director General for Western Balkans, Caucasus and Central Asia (NOTE: POLOFF did not/not raise ICJ issue per instructions in Para 2 of ref a. END NOTE). Zidaru confirmed that Romania's policy not to recognize Kosovo's independence has not changed and will not change in the foreseeable future (see Ref B).

[¶](#)2. (SBU) Comment: Kosovo policy is set by President Basescu himself, and all of the main political parties in Parliament agree with his policy of non-recognition until Serbia recognizes Kosovo. End Comment.

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